

## Message Text

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FOR AF DICK MOOSE

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: OVIP, ZA (KAUNDA, KENNETH)  
SUBJ: FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT ENCOUNTER WITH SOVIET DIPLOMAT

REF: LUSAKA 0679

1. A LUSAKA BASED FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT TOLD PAO MARCH 6  
THAT HE HAD HAD LENGTHY CONVERSATION WITH SOVIET EMBASSY  
COUNSELLOR SMIRNOFF MARCH 3. SMIRNOFF TOLD CORRESPONDENT  
THAT ZAMBIAN PRESIDENT KAUNDA WOULD BE TRAVELING TO THE  
UNITED STATES ON AN OFFICIAL VISIT IN MAY AND EXPRESSED  
SOVIET "CONCERN" ABOUT SUCH A VISIT. CORRESPONDENT TOLD

PAO THAT RUSSIANS SAY THEY ARE SURE U.S. WILL GIVE ZAMBIA  
GENEROUS GRANT FOR LEVERAGE TO GET ZAMBIA TO PRESSURE NKOMO  
TO JOIN THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT.

2. COMMENT: SOVIET INTEREST IN VISIT RAISES THE STAKES.  
IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO POSTPONE OR CANCEL IT WE CAN BE SURE  
THEY WILL TAKE FULL POLITICAL ADVANTAGE OF THE OPPORTUNITY  
TO MAKE THEIR POINTS. THEIR CONCERN OVER IT INDICATES HOW  
IMPORTANT AN INFLUENCE THEY BELIEVE IT COULD HAVE.  
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